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WHEN WISE MEN ARE FOOL- ISH

We Americans have a peculiar
fault.

There are times when we per-
mit our wisdom to degenerate in-
to foolishness.

For five years we have been
too busy with prosperity to pro-
vide against the adversity the
morrow may bring.

Millions of people today are re-
ceiving high wages who before
the war had difficulty in earning
the good meals a day for them-
selves and their families.

Some were wise and steadfastly
refused to be stampeded. They
adopted a policy of systematic
saving, and today are living com-
fortably and have bank books
laid away.

Others, normally keen of intel-
lect, succumbed to the shock of
the pace. They are still hitting
the high spots.

When work became plentiful
and wages soared into the clouds,
the wise course would have been
to lay aside the surplus and ac-
cumulate a good large bank ac-
count. In time they would have
been in comfortable circumstan-
ces and receiving an income from
their investments.

But wisdom did not prevail.

The money came easily and in
bunches, and it has been going
as it came. It is still going, and
probably eight out of every ten
of these people are financially
about where they were five years
ago.

But even now it is not too late

to save.

Work is still plentiful and wa-
ges are still high, and anyone can
save if they desire.

But it is doubtful if many of
them ever will.

Five years as spenders has
spoiled them as savers—and sav-
ing is the only thing that will
drive the wolf from the door
when it begin to howl.

They are enjoying life to the
witnes the dead leaves of a lost
opportunity falling around them.

Some people imagine that the
Lord has invested them with the
right to inquire into the private
affairs of others. The devil
knows them, but the Lord don't.

The wise man is invariably
well thought of by his neighbors,
for he is first to consider the
rights and feeling of others.

Don't waste time in pitying
yourself. You can employ it to
better advantage in removing the
cause.

Mrs. Elbina D. Brinkly, of
Reinholds Station, Pa., is eighty-
nine years old and hoes potatoes
in her garden. Can anyone in
this community beat that record?
Speak up and let us publish the
names. Such people deserve all of
the honor and publicity we can
give them.

The secret of many a woman's
reputation for beauty lies in her
smile. Cultivate the art. It costs
nothing but an effort and its
value has never yet been com-
puted.

An exchange remarks that this
year the nation's birthday was
not only safe and sane, but dry
and dusty. It was.

NOTICE

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THE FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

To the Editor:

The fire came as a matter of
course unexpected, but the wren-
ches to turn the water on, were
lost or out of place, and but for
the convenience of a nearby ma-
chine shop where wrenches could
be found to turn on the water,
probably a whole block of houses
would have been destroyed by
this fire. We had a high wind
blowing at the time, and people
don't you think that the proper
wrenches should be kept at cer-
tain convenient places where a
half-dozen or more men could
find them quick in case of fire.

This is another case of little
and yet importance, and many
with nobody to look after them.
Why tax the public for water to
fight fire with, and leave the
emergency wrenches out of place
when they are needed.—Another
case of bad management on the
part of the town. Bad enough not
to leave any fire company to
fight fire with, and still worse not
to have wrenches in places to
turn on water in case of fire.

We have a Mayor and board
of commissioners in Scotland
Neck, and it is somebody's busi-
ness to look after such things as
this, and some one said the other
day that we have the worst main
street to be found in any town in
the state.

I will challenge the Mayor and
the commissioners to show any
public road in fifty miles of Scot-
land Neck as bad as on Main
street.

Why not use a road drag every
few days. This will help some-
in fact it will help a great deal
if the drag was used after the
rain.

Let's do something if we are
going to continue to pay taxes.

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60 PER CENT OF HARVESTERS SAW MILITARY SER.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 20.

Evidence that young men of
the nation who saw military ser-
vice in the world war have heard
the call of the country this sum-
mer is contained in a report on
harvest hands issued here by
Claude E. Connally, state com-
missioner of labor.

The report states that 60 per
cent of this year's harvesters in
Oklahoma had been in military
service during the war, that 10
per cent were college students,
and the remaining 30 per cent
"floating" labor. The report
shows 8,765 harvest hands were
supplied to farmers this year,
with the least delay of any other

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labor departmen t.

TELEGRAPH NEWS

Buenos Aires, July 19.—The
coarse grades of wool for army
uniforms and the refusal of aver-
age people, in spite of the high
cost of living, to buy clothing
made of the coarse grades, has
left Argentina with more than
200,000,000 pounds of almost un-
salable wool on its hands, accord-
ing to a local manufacturer of
woolen cloth, interviewed by LA
NACION.

This huge quantity will be in-

creased during the shearing
season in July and August. Ar-
gentina is growing year by year
the problem of selling the coarse
grades is considered very seri-
ous. One reason for the situation
is that formerly Argentine wool
the meat than the wool, with the
result that their stock has be-
come mixed and the consequent
coarse and not uniform.

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